

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA), Laboratory Services Division is hereby notifying the affected public and governmental agencies that a site specific draft environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared for two proposed treatments to eradicate infestations of the non-native gypsy moth in King and Lewis counties, Washington. Subject to review and modification, WSDA has proposed to treat a 16.5-acre site in the Crown Hill neighborhood of Seattle within the boundaries of T25N R3E S1; and a 560-acre site in Vader within the boundaries of T11N R2W S29, 30, 31, 32. This document is prepared pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. Any programs that may occur in these counties will be conducted in conformance with the alternatives set forth in the environmental document entitled, "Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: a cooperative approach" (1995 FEIS) to which this EA is tiered.

Copies of the FEIS and draft EA are available for review at: Washington State Library, Point Plaza E., Bldg. 1, 6880 Capital Blvd. S., Tumwater, WA, 98501; USDA, APHIS, PPQ, PPQ Library, 1st Floor, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD, 20737; and USDA, APHIS, PPQ, 22000 Marine View Drive S., Suite 201, Des Moines, WA 98198. The draft EA is also available for review on the Internet at website www.wa.gov/agr/gypsy.htm.

WSDA seeks comments on the site specific draft EA. All comments must be received in writing to WSDA, Laboratory Services, 3939 Cleveland Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98501 on or before April 15, 2002.